



## STATE OF ARIZONA

Jane Dee Hull  
Governor

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Dear Interested Parties:


We are pleased to provide you with a copy of *Arizona's Olmstead Plan*. This plan represents a collaborative effort by consumers, providers and advocacy groups to improve opportunities for the elderly and persons with disabilities to access community based services.

Input from individual consumers and advocacy groups has clearly shaped the vision and spirit of this document and served as an impetus for us to look critically at the strengths and limitations in our existing service system. *Arizona's Olmstead Plan* will serve as a blueprint for AHCCCS, ADHS and ADES to enable the elderly and persons with disabilities to live in integrated, community settings appropriate to their needs.

In summary, we acknowledge the dedication and commitment of all the participants who contributed to *Arizona's Olmstead Plan*. The development of this plan ensures that Arizona has a continuous quality improvement process in place for providing services to consumers.

Sincerely,

  
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